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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 1975 (SALT TWO - 823)

1. ARTICLE VII (TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS): US PROPOSED A REVISED ARTICLE VII WHICH DROPPED US SUBPARAGRAPH 2(B) (NEW ICBM TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS LOCATED ONLY AT TEST RANGES) AND ADDED FOLLOWING AGREED STATEMENT: "THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE TERM 'SIGNIFICANT INCREASE' IN SUBPARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ARTICLE VII MEANS A INCREASE OF 15 PERCENT OR MORE. THE PARTIES ALSO AGREE THAT ANY NEW ICBM TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS WHICH REPLACE ICBM TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS AT TEST RANGES WILL BE LOCATED ONLY AT TEST RANGES." KARPOV'S FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT NEW US PROPOSAL WOULD MOVE SIDES TOWARD AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH SOVIETS WISHED TO STUDY IT FURTHER.

2. ARTICLE X (NEW SYSTEMS BANS): US AND USSR EXCHANGED RESPECTIVE VERSIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH C/D (SEABED SYSTEMS) AND OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE RECORD REGARDING SCOPE OF APPLICABILITY. IN RESPONSE TO US QUESTION, KARPOV SAID SOVIETS NEEDED MORE TIME TO STUDY US PROPOSAL REGARDING ORBITAL SYSTEMS (US SUBPARAGRAPH (D)).

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3. ARTICLE I (INTRODUCTORY); US TABLED ITS JDT VERSION OF ARTICLE I FOR DRAFTING GROUP RECORD AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION.

4. ARTICLE XVII.3 AGREED STATEMENT (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES); KLOSSON REPEATEDLY ASKED KARPOV WHY SOVIETS WERE UNWILLING TO DEFINE RUSSIAN WORD "MASKIROVKA" AS BOTH "HIDE" AND "MISLEAD", PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT SOVIET MILITARY DICTIONARIES SO DEFINE THE TERM. KARPOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET TERM WAS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR IN RUSSIAN AND NOTED THAT DEFINITIONS IN ABM TREATY (LIKE SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR AGREED STATEMEN) ARE ALSO FORMULATED IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN WORDS -- FOR EXAMPLE, ABM "INTERCEPTOR MISSILES" ARE DEFINED AS "INTERCEPTOR MISSILES" CONSTRUCTED AND DEPLOYED FOR AN ABM ROLE. EARLE SAID THAT ENGLISH VERSION OF SOVIET OCTOBER 14 DRAFTING GROUP PROPOSALS FOR AGREED STATEMENT DID NOT COVER ALL EXAMPLES WHICH BOTH SIDES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AND AGREED WOULD BE COVERED. KARPOV REPLIED THAT RUSSIAN VERSION DID IN FACT COVER ALL SUCH EXAMPLES.

5. US AND USSR AGREED TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE II (DEFINITIONS) AT NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23. JOHNSON

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